

IKE Tiger Cruise 2009 Packing List

You're signed up for IKE Tiger Cruise 2009, and you can't wait for the 28th of July. Now you need to know what to bring aboard for your trip. Hopefully, the following packing recommendations will help ease your mind.

1. PACK LIGHT – Imagine a two-day camping trip without the tent and pack accordingly. For those noncampers in the group, this means all of your belongings should fit into a small backpack or duffel bag. We are expecting nearly 1500 Tigers to join us onboard IKE and with our nearly 4500 sailors heading home too, storage space will be severely limited.

2. COME PREPARED – On the surface, this one runs contrary to Rule #1, but it's necessary, so you'll have to be creative. Late July in Northern Florida and Southeastern Virginia, and for that matter, all points at-sea in between, will be three things: HOT, HUMID, and HIGHLY unpredictable. Plan on high temperatures, possible thunderstorms, rolling seas, or a mix of all three, and pack the following:

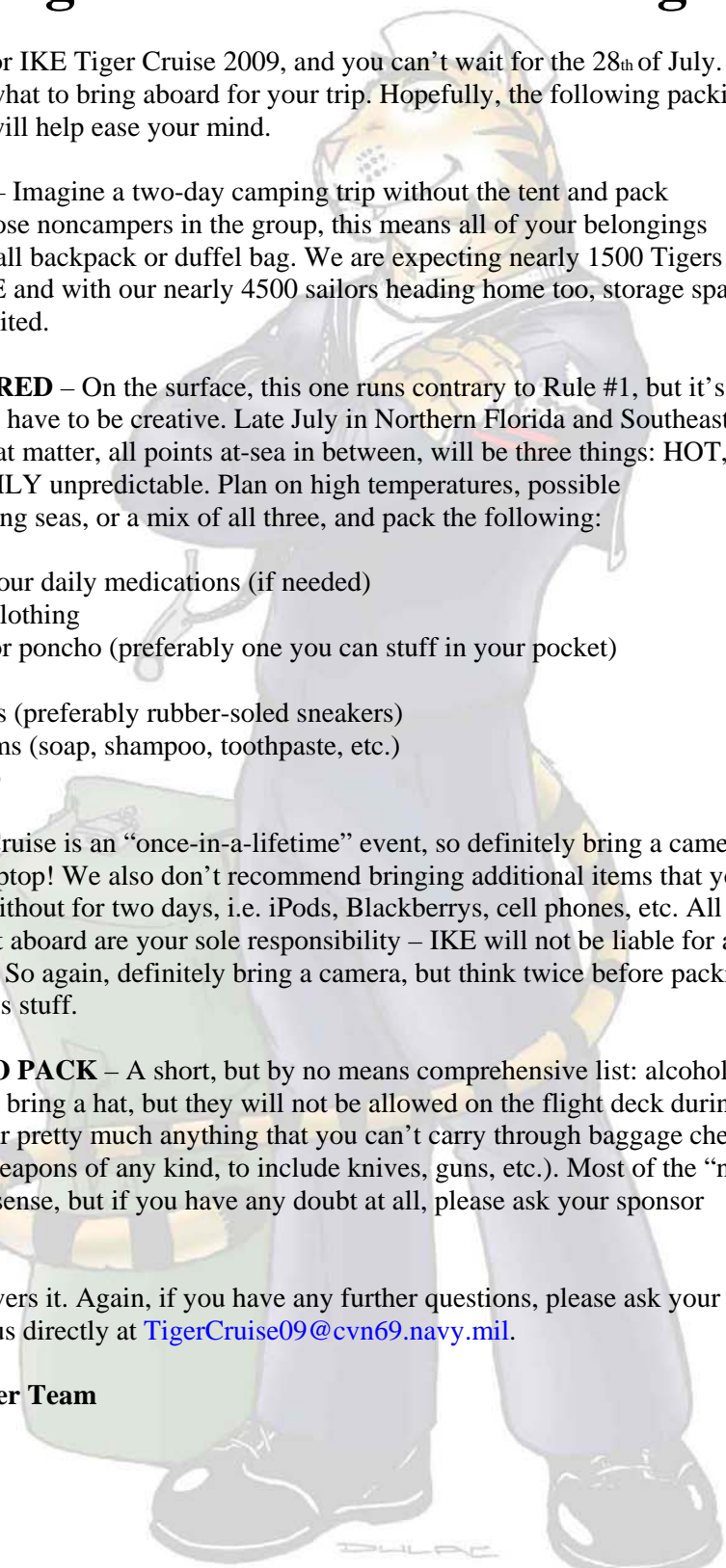
- Sunscreen & all your daily medications (if needed)
- Light breathable clothing
- A small raincoat or poncho (preferably one you can stuff in your pocket)
- Sunglasses
- Comfortable shoes (preferably rubber-soled sneakers)
- Basic hygiene items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)
- A good attitude ☺

3. GEAR – Tiger Cruise is an “once-in-a-lifetime” event, so definitely bring a camera. Don't bring your laptop! We also don't recommend bringing additional items that you could feasibly do without for two days, i.e. iPods, Blackberrys, cell phones, etc. All possessions brought aboard are your sole responsibility – IKE will not be liable for any lost or stolen items. So again, definitely bring a camera, but think twice before packing any other extraneous stuff.

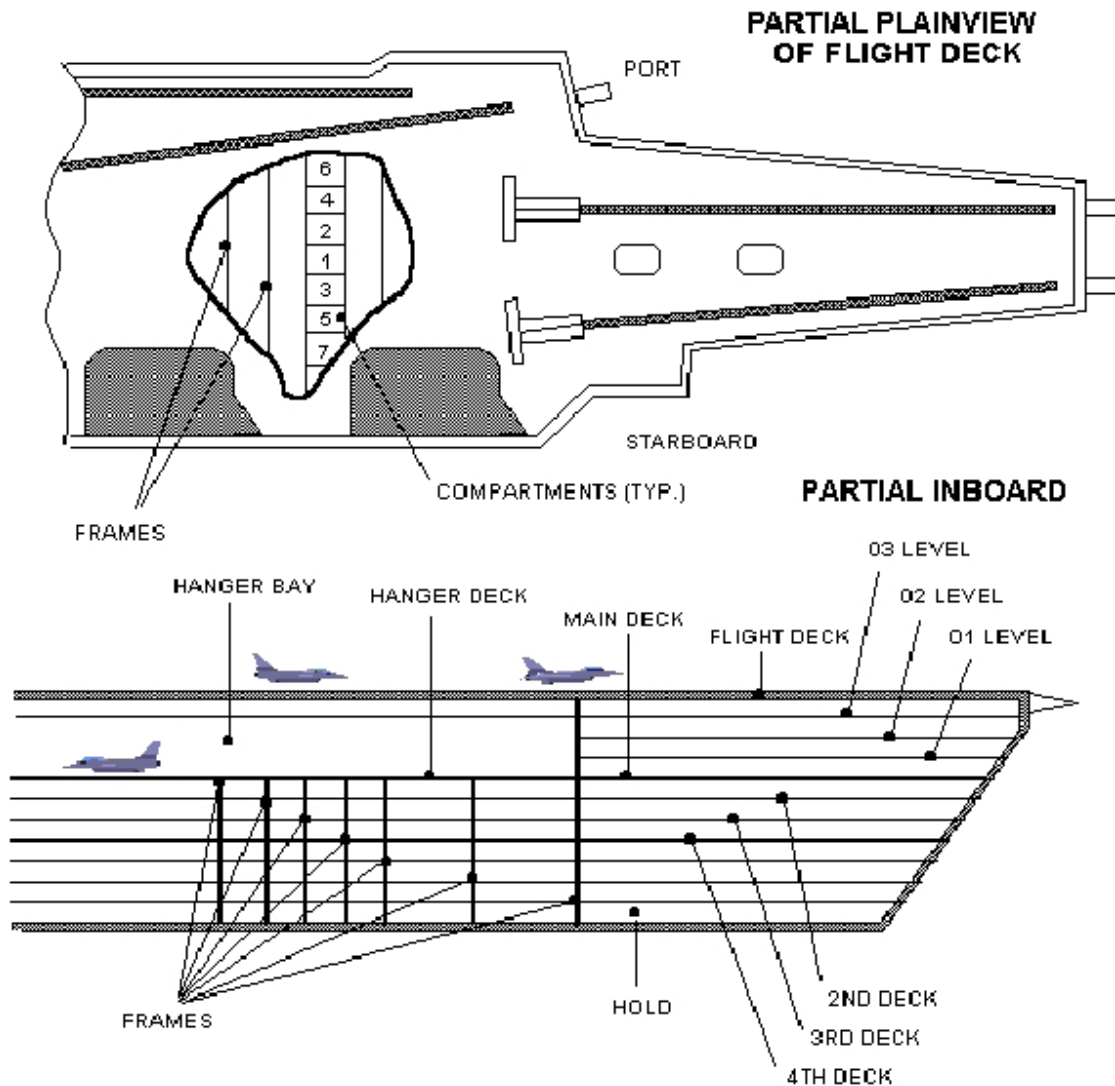
4. WHAT NOT TO PACK – A short, but by no means comprehensive list: alcohol, high heels, hats (you can bring a hat, but they will not be allowed on the flight deck during flight operations), or pretty much anything that you can't carry through baggage check at the airport (i.e. weapons of any kind, to include knives, guns, etc.). Most of the “nogo” items are common sense, but if you have any doubt at all, please ask your sponsor for clarification.

Well, that about covers it. Again, if you have any further questions, please ask your sponsor or contact us directly at TigerCruise09@cvn69.navy.mil.

Thanks – IKE Tiger Team



Navigating Around IKE



Once you understand compartmental symbology onboard IKE, you'll be able to navigate anywhere you need to go. Each compartment on the ship is identified on the bulkhead (wall) by a photo-luminescent "bullseye" (white placard with green letters & numbers). The "bullseye" lists a four-group alpha-numeric designation.

The first group of numbers identifies the deck (level) that you're on. The hangar bay is the 1st deck or main deck. Decks below the hangar bay are numbered consecutively:

2nd deck, 3rd deck, etc. Decks above the hangar deck are identified as O_levels, i.e. O1, O2, O3, all the way to the O10 level. The flight deck is O4 level.

The second group of numbers identifies the frame number and tells you where you are in relation to the length of the ship, fore to aft (bow to stern or front to back).

The third group indicates which side of the ship you're located on. Odd numbers identify the starboard (right) side, and even numbers the port (left) side. Remember the phrase, "It's odd to be right."

The last letter indicates the general use of the compartment, such as:

- A - Supply and Storage
- B - Guns
- C - Control
- E - Engineering/Machinery
- F - Fuel
- L -Living Quarters
- M -Magazine (ammunition)
- T - Trunks & Passages
- Q - Miscellaneous
- V - Void
- W - Water

Example: Bullseye 3-75-4-M

3 – You're on the 3rd deck.

75 – Your compartment's forward boundary is on or immediately aft of the ship's 75th frame. There are approximately 255 frames fore to aft. Each frame is ~4' long.

4 – You're on the port side of the ship, specifically in the fourth compartment outboard of the centerline to port (even numbers to port, odd to starboard).

M – Your compartment is used for ammunition storage.